(BCCL) in Jharkhand. The Court of Enquiry is to submit its report within a period of three months and the cause of the mine accident will be known after Court of Enquiry submits its report.

(e) Following remedial measures are taken by the coal companies to prevent recurrence of such accidents :

- Safety status of all Degree-III gassy mines are being re-assessed with respect to gas, stowing, method of extraction in practice and other safety aspects.
- Promoting participation of workers in safety management.
- Promoting self regulation by management.
- Tri-partite and Bi-partite review of safety status at various levels
- Observance of safety week and safety campaigns.
- Generating safety awareness and information dissemination.
- National Conference on Safety in Mines.
- Interaction at different forums with a view to promote safety, health and welfare of persons employed in mines.
- Introduction to the concept of Risk Assessment, preparation of Safety Management Plan and development of Emergency Resposne System.
- Conducting Safety Audits.
- Facilitating introduction of new technology in mining with low potential risk.
- Issue guidelines for safety operation in identified thrust areas through circulars.
- Directions have been issued to all subsidiary companies of CIL to review the status of safety of mines and rectification of any infirmity.

Export of coal

881. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of coal exported from our country to the neighbouring countries during the last four years and the revenue earned by Government;

(b) whether Government have planned to explore coal reserves to meet our coal demands;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) The total quantity of coal exported out of India, during the last four years and sale value thereof are given below :

Year	Total coal Export (in tonnes)	Sale value of total export (Rs. in crores)
2002-03	15,17,000	258.60
2003-04	16,27,000	292.30
2004-05	12,94,000	201.00
2005-06	19,88,000	265.70

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. It has been programmed to undertake 5.94 lakh meters of regional drilling for assessment of new coal deposit in the country during the 11th Five Year Plan period. In addition to above, it has also been programmed to undertake 10 lakh meter detailed drilling in Non-CIL coal blocks during the 11th Five Year Plan. The Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL) has also planned to explore 20 new blocks.

Determination of coal prices

882. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the monopoly situation in the coal market resulted in poer tariff hikes which has direct impct on the National Economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the actions taken by Government for determination of coal prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (c) It is not true as may be